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| <b>RESPONSE TO<br/>OFFICE ACTION</b><br><br>Commissioner for Patents<br>P.O. Box 1450<br>Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | Application Number     | 10/691,038   |
|  | Confirmation Number    | 7535   |
|  | Attorney Docket Number | 10990641-2   |
|  | Filing Date            | October 21, 2003   |
|  | First Named Inventor   | Peter G. Webb  |
|  | Examiner               | Jerry Lin  |
|  | Group Art              | 1631   |
|  | Title                  | Methods of Fabricating<br>an Addressable Array of<br>Biopolymer Probes |

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Communication dated August 24, 2007, for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due by November 24, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In the Office Communication, a species election requirement was set out. In response, Applicants elect Species C, drawn to a sensor or operating parameter that views a drop pattern. It is believed that Claims 21, 22-45 and 48 read on the elected species. This species election is made without traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078.

Respectfully submitted,

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